

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of coding and/or transmitting EPG (electronic program guide) data, the data comprising respective ones of multiple program records identifying a respective one of multiple programs and specific ones of a plurality of schedule records identifying one or more specific scheduled broadcast times of the respective programs, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the program records (p1, p2, p3) and the schedule records (s11, s12, ... sli, s21, s22, S2i, s31, s32,...s3i) are coded and/or transmitted in an interleaved manner (({p1, s11, s12,...sli},{p2, s21, s22,...s2i},{p3, s31, s32, s3i,...}), (s11, s12,... sli, p1},{s21, s22,... s2i, p2},{s31, s32,... s3i, p3})), such that two successive ones of the program records are separated by one or more schedule records associated with a particular one of the two successive program records and, once transmitted, at the receiving device, the EPG data is read, parsed and stored as it is being received before the complete reception of the data for the EPG is finished.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program records and schedule records are sorted on a time basis.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that schedule records refer to program records that are ahead in the coding scheme ({p1, s11, s12,...sli},{p2, s21, s22,...s2i},{p3, s31, s32, s3i,...}).

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program records and schedule records are coded in a section, which is separate and ahead in the coding scheme from other sections comprising information relating to the programs.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the section, which comprises interleaved program records and schedule records, is preceded by a section comprising general information.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A device comprising an encoder for coding EPG data comprising program records and schedule records in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 1.

8. (Previously Presented) A receiving device (RC) comprising a decoder for decoding EPG data comprising program records and schedule records coded in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 1.

9. (Cancelled)